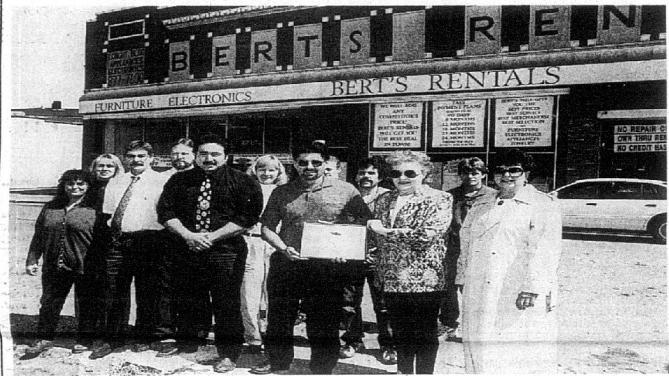


Award — The Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce recently honored three area businesses. Above left, Chamber Beautification Chairwoman Kathy Goclan, left, and Women's Division President Judy Stille, right, present Jack Dempsey and Don Adams of Dempsey-Adams Auto Body and Granite City Glass and Fence with a Chamber Beautification Award. At right, Stille, left, and Goclan, right, present Len Revelle, owner of Respi-Link Home Care, with a beautification award. The company, located on State Street, sells home care medical equipment.



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Delores Tester, Gary Hibbs and Talo Langer, front row, are joined by the employees of Bert's Rental in Granite City as owner Steve Longhi receives a Community Beautification Award from Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Women's Division President Judy Stille and Beautification Chairwoman Kathy Goclan.

**Let's Talk
REAL ESTATE**
by Jerry Besserman & Tina Stanley
REALTORS

BUYING FROM A BUILDER

Buyers who intend to purchase new homes from a builder should do well to work with a real estate agent who is experienced in such transactions. Most builders will say they might suggest that the house be inspected by an independent, with the thought in mind that quality construction is not necessarily insured. Buyers should be sure they get what they think they are buying. If there is no assurance that it will be outfitted with the optional equipment home. Thus, prospective buyers who want to be sure that they are getting what they pay for should inspect the property, as well as the standard and optional features. It is also important to make sure the extent of the landscaping to be provided by the builder, as well as the exterior finish.

This week's column provides incentive for purchases on new construction to work with an agent in

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Ex-POW recalls horrors of war

Conference set for May 16-17 for former American prisoners

By NICOLE VAUGHN
Staff writer

The horrors of a prisoner of war camp don't necessarily end when a soldier is liberated.

Sometimes they never do — and Fred Martinez said he

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NEWS

Fed up with violence, Alton group taking action

Fed up with violence, members of the 100 Black Men of Alton are taking action. "As members of the black community, have to act to curb the violence," said Lee Barham, who is taking charge of a new project to get young people involved in structured programs.

Barham and Bobby Collins, a vice president of 100 Black Men, said the problem is spreading like a wildfire, even before the warm weather, which usually makes it worse.

The two men were reacting to shootings over the past week that resulted in the deaths of three young men and serious injury to an innocent bystander.

All the victims have been black teenagers. Barham said he was especially shocked by the shooting earlier this month that injured a 16-year-old girl, apparently an innocent bystander.

"I was talking to her mother about the problem just 30 minutes before she got the call that her daughter had been shot," he said. "It was a somber message to all of us."

Carl Crumer, president of the 100 Black Men, said the members are united in their feelings about the violence and there is already a mentoring program in place, in which three young people are participating, with help from an investment firm and Family & Community Services.

Barham, Crumer and Collins said the time has come to work on prevention.

They are also working on attitudes, character, the whole nine yards," Collins said, adding that the system of criminal

justice has only locks people up, after violence has occurred. "We need more projects, and the young people need role models," Crumer said.

The first program the organization is starting off the ground is called Junior 100 Black Men. It is aimed at young people 10 years and older.

Barham said he will lead the program, in which young people will get the opportunity to participate in constructive projects in return for the chance

to take part in such activities as baseball games and trips to the St. Louis Science Center.

"They will get to enjoy the fruits of their labor," Barham said.

Collins said everyone, including the unions, will have to make accommodations to make the program work.

He said the youngsters could work at doing some of the badly needed housing rehabilitation in Hunterstown, thereby learning skills, including the adaptability they will need to

keep the jobs they get.

"We've got to give them an opportunity to invest in their community, rather than an adult looking for the handout," Collins said.

Collins said young people need not only job skills, but also adaptability skills, so they can keep the jobs.

"People can get jobs, but they are destined to lose those jobs. Being prepared to survive is just as important as getting hired in the work force today," he said.

The men said they also will try to persuade the Alton and Madison County commissions to reactivate the community centers at the city's public housing complex.

The Boys and Girls Club of Alton fills some of the need, but not all the children can get to the location on State Street, they said.

The three men called upon fellow members of the black community to unite behind a common cause of preventing violence.

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NEWS

Pontoon delays insurance action

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

The Pontoon Beach Village Board of Trustees held a special meeting Wednesday night to discuss reinstating disability and life insurance for village employees but tabled the issue until more information could be learned about it.

The Pontoon Beach village's employees has apparently lapsed though village records indicate premiums have been paid continuously since the program began in August 1993, former comptroller Lou Whitsell, now a trustee, said at a special meeting held Tuesday by the

Village Board's Personnel Committee. At that meeting, the Personnel Committee met with Steve McGinnies, assistant business representative for Teamsters Local 525, the union that represents the village's police department employees. The committee wanted McGinnies to help them determine how to best handle the situation, a city official said.

Whitsell said the problem, because the village has failed to pay its share of premium costs for some employees, while overpaying for others, said Police Chief Mike Crouch.

Trustee Bob Vincent suggested the village advertise for bids from prospective

agents to provide future coverage.

Whitsell, however, said the employee insurance program was with BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois and that it was designed to replicate benefits through a Teamster plan with a \$30,000 savings to the village.

The plan provided \$10,000 life insurance benefits to employees with premiums paid by the village. Employees could also choose to buy additional coverage at their own expense.

Whitsell said that former village treasurers Ray Gaudette and Judy Donaldson, and himself as treasurer and later as

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John Hopkins, president of the Madison County Bar Association, presented the Liberty Bell Award to the city of Granite City.

Award

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initial appearances in misdemeanor and other criminal cases originating in Granite City, Madison, Venice and Pontoon Beach. Hopkins noted that the village of East Alton recently tried to bill Madison County for courtroom space it had been using there — resulting in a circuit court judge ordering the county to move and in overcrowding of the county courthouse in Edwardsville.

"I don't know where we'd be if we didn't have the court rooms in Granite City," Hopkins said.

In addition to the crowding and inconvenience caused by the use of two rooms in City Hall, some unusual circumstances have occurred over the years as a result of the court's use of the building.

A couple of years ago, for example, a man who stood naked in the first floor rotunda with toothbrushes entangled in his hair disrupted the usual flow of business in City Hall. The man was quickly apprehended by police.

POLICE BEAT

The following are among incidents reported recently to area police departments.

Drugs

• Karrie Ann McDaniel, 26, of Collinville, was arrested by the Madison County Sheriff's department May 1 on a felony warrant charging her with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

McDaniel allegedly possessed the substance in Granite City.

Sale to minor

• Sherri J. Bristow, 32, an employee of Town & Country Liquor Store, 3217 West China St. in Rockford, was arrested May 1 by the Madison County Sheriff's department and charged with unlawful sale of alcohol to a minor.

Sheriff's detectives said Bristow sold to a minor who was cooperating with the department. Bristow failed to ask for the minor's identification, according to a press release.

Codependency is subject of talk

"Codependency: The Family Illness" will be the subject of a talk presented at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Pekin.

Warren Neal of the Behavioral Health System will discuss how emotional family members can have a devastating impact on the persons with whom they are most directly involved. The talk is free and open to the public. Call the Resource Center at 798-3888 to register or for more information.

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Readers also can find a large number of classified ads, including opportunities for automobile ads, garage sale announcements and homes for sale. As in any new neighborhood, we're still unpacking some boxes and attempting to find places to put things. The Journal's online home remains a web site under construction. There are no immediate plans to move.

"We're excited about our new Internet presence," said Thomas J. Rice, president and CEO of the Suburban Journals. "We are looking forward to the day when we'll be able to deliver the same kind of local news and sports that appears in the newspaper. As the site develops, those who use the 'yourjournal' web site will be able to find local news just by clicking on their neighborhood.

Rice said he also is pleased at the reception to the Suburban Journal web site from classified advertisers.

"It's encouraging that so many people recognize the value of an online classified," he said. "Someday, the Journal's online environment will be as comfortable as the newspaper itself has been for 76 years."

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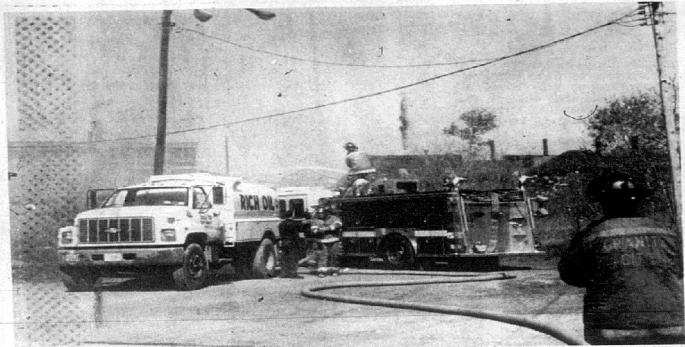
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NEWS



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Emergency personnel respond to the fire at Rich Oil Co.

• Fire —

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A witness said the incident initially appeared to produce only smoke until a huge plume of flame erupted from the tank. Tolley said the burst may have been caused by fumes that ignited from the use of the torch.

He said it was the second such incident at Rich Oil Co. last week.

• Pontoon —

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comptroller, routinely deducted the cost of premiums from the employees' pay.

But Crouch said the village dropped by as much as \$25 a month for additional coverage for some employees and failed to pay the minimum amount for others — including himself.

Apparently, the insurance company never received the premiums for many of the employees. According to a recent letter from the insurance company, the life insurance policies for most of the employees had lapsed.

Crouch said the village stopped paying his premium in 1993, causing the policy's lapse in 1995.

McGiness suggested that village officials keep payroll records for each employee to determine who is owed payment from the village.

Trustee Guy Walker, chairman of the Finance Committee, said he had determined that each employee is probably owed about \$150 to cover payments that should have been made since December 1995.

Whitself, Crouch and Abel agreed to review payroll records from August 1993 to December 1995 to determine what additional amounts may be owed to — or from — the employees.

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Emissions plan lagging

Expansion of testing delayed until next year

SPRINGFIELD — Edwardsville, Glen Carbon and Godfrey residents will not face proposed auto emissions inspections until at least next year, state officials said this week.

The new inspection program, announced last August, was delayed because of prolonged talks with the company that will run the program. The program was to begin later this year.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has selected Envirotech Technologies of California, the same company that runs testing stations now, to build and run the new stations. Negotiations with Envirotech began in November last year. State officials said they hoped to have a new contract by December.

But talks have bogged down, said Julie

Neposchian, spokeswoman for the inspections program.

They're still in negotiations, and there is not much we can say about that. This has put us several months behind schedule."

Neposchian refused to disclose the source of the delay in negotiations, citing exceptions to the station open records law.

Only communities below the bluffs such as Alton, Wood River, Granite City and East St. Louis had been subject to emissions testing. The tests had always been simple, exhaust tailpipe procedures.

Now, emissions testing will be much stricter, involving a machine called a dynamometer that cars will roll onto.

— From The Telegraph

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BUSINESS

Tourism web site succeeding

By Kimberly Haas

Staff writer

A re-vamped web site appears to be quite a success for the Southwestern Illinois Tourism and Convention Bureau.

"Within the first seven days, we had 50 hits and it was not publicized yet," said Dave Coughlin, assistant director of marketing and sales for the bureau.

The site was originally set up in November 1996, and was re-designed in April 1997.

"The new site is more informative for information, but it did not give a true account of what Southwestern Illinois offered to tourists. This new site is the most complete tourism resource in Southwestern Illinois," said Mark Westhoff, president and CEO of the tour-

ism bureau.

The Southwestern Illinois Tourism and Convention Bureau web site can be accessed at www.illinoissouthwest.org.

"It's a miniature version of our visitor's guide," Coughlin said.

The site contains information on recreation, accommodations and events taking place in southwestern Illinois. A calendar of events is also in place, updating visitors on monthly activities.

Weather conditions are also available on the site through The Weather Channel, Coughlin said.

Information from the state tourism bureau can also be accessed through the address.

The bureau represents eight counties, including Madison and St. Clair.



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Opening — Members of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber join the staff of Ultimate Sports in celebrating the business' opening at 6 Nameoki Village Shopping Center in Granite City. From left: Janet Mills of the chamber, Elizabeth and Don Lloyd, the owner's grandparents, Ann and Logan, the owner's girlfriend, owner Jonathan Birdsong, Corey Wallis, William McArthur and Jay Robertson, who work at the store, chamber executive vice president R.C. Bush, Shawna Birdsong, the owner's sister, employee Jake Morris, Chuck Unger of Omni Bank and Harvey Cohen with the chamber.

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Physician officers named

St. Elizabeth Medical Center recently announced its newly elected physician officers. The newly installed team include Dr. Peter Anderson, president; Dr. Syed Ali, president-elect; and Dr. Lawrence Harmon, immediate past president. Medical staff officers are charged with the responsibility of carrying out the functions delegated to the medical staff by St. Elizabeth's governing board.

Dr. Anderson is an orthopedic surgeon with Illinois S.W. Orthopedics, Ltd. He attended Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore before receiving five years of specialized training in orthopedic surgery at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, Rochester, Minn. He is board certified in orthopedic surgery and practices at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Dr. Ali is a neurologist with Tri City Neurology. A graduate of Dow Medical School in Karachi, Pakistan, he is board certified in neurology.



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Dr. Anderson has practiced at SEMC since 1982. Dr. Ali is board certified in neurology and practices at Heartland HealthCare. He attended St. George's University School of Medicine and has practiced at SEMC for over 19 years. Harmon just completed over two terms as medical staff president, longer than any president before him.

Landlords to meet

The Metro East Landlords Association will meet Monday, May 5, at the Collinsville Eagle's Hall, 949 California Street.

The special lecture will be Dr. Richard Powelson, known as "The Millionaire Maker." He will present a program on the secrets of creative real estate investing and how to buy houses without using a bank.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, call Donn at 233-8446.

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Management courses slated

The Small Business Development Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will offer four short management courses in May. The workshops will meet at University Park in room 1152.

Workshops include:
✓ Accounting and Records for Small Business will meet from 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 15. The book "Keeping the Books" is included.

✓ Pricing Your Products and Services Profitably will meet from 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 19. The course is designed for start-ups and existing businesses; fee is \$50.

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Hoops battle continues off the court

Like April rain, you could count on it to somehow challenge the city of Peoria's right to continue to host the Illinois boys Class A and AA state basketball tournaments.

On April 10, by a vote of 92-23, the Illinois House of Representatives sent to the Senate a proposal that would require competitive bidding for the state tournaments.

Sponsored by Urbana Republican Tim Johnson, the bill creates specific criteria for the Illinois High School Association to consider when awarding the tournaments to communities.

Hold for a second. In Chicago, the state tourney that grew into two classes has spent the past two years in Peoria, which no longer is a town meant for testing jokes or theatrical plays.

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By Patrick C. Heston

Staff writer

The St. Dominic/Howell North Shootout proved the Journal writers poll accurate as the top four girls soccer teams advanced to the semifinals Friday afternoon.

In the first game, second-ranked Granite City stopped No. 4 St. Joseph's 2-0, and top-ranked Howell won 5-1, late in the other semifinal, setting up a rematch between the two top girls programs in the St. Louis area.

Granite City met Incarnate Word at 7 p.m. Saturday at St. Dominic. Incarnate Word won at GCHS 1-0 on March 25.

The Lady Warriors won Pool C despite playing Nerinx Hall at 4 p.m. on Thursday. Coach Mohsen scored for GCHS in the second half in what coach Gene Baker called "a lackluster game."

The girls' performance carried her into the first half of Friday's semifinal match. The Angels (10-4-1) outlasted and outplayed the Lady Warriors (9-4) for the full 90 minutes.

"They should have put us away in the first half," Baker said. "The way we were playing, they should have had us down. We made a few adjustments in the halves."

But GCHS couldn't make adjustments for injuries.

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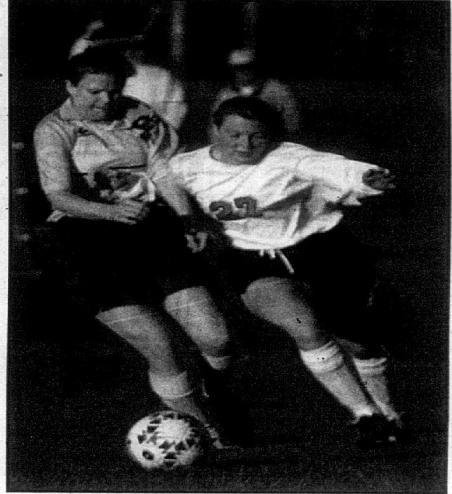
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Erika Todd (right) tries to take possession during the Lady Warriors' win over Francis Howell Tuesday.

Roxie Simpson, who pulled a muscle in her right leg in pre-game warmups, started and finished alone for GCHS in the second half in what coach Gene Baker called "a lackluster game."

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"We were tired and hurt," Baker said. "Hopefully, we can play everyone (Saturday). Roxie is questionable. If we



Carrie Simpson (right) works her way past a defender to the ball.

Warriors fall short in run to meet title

By Patrick C. Heston

Staff writer

The Granite City boys track team narrowly missed winning the Madison County Meet on Wednesday at Collinsville's 93-94 at day's end. It was the best finish of the season for the Warriors, and coach Gene Briggs was pleased.

"We performed well," Briggs said.

Despite the windy conditions, we had several new PRs (personal records) set and I have three (athletes) behind because they missed Huckleberry practice the day before. They probably would have picked up enough points for us to win the meet.

"We had some near misses, too, where just an inch or two,

'Everyone had a good meet. I was very pleased.'

— Gene Briggs

GCHS coach

or a second or two, would have produced more points. But overall, this was our best performance in a long, long time. We were very well balanced with everyone contributing. Everyone had a good meet. I was very pleased.

In all, the Warriors placed in four relays and 13 individual events.

The 4x400-meter relay team of David Zellerman, Josh Peacher, George Wolfe and Kelly Huckleberry smoked the competition running nearly a second faster than runner-up Edwardsville. Huckleberry also placed first in the 300 hurdles.

(See GCHS, Page 3B)

(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)
GCHS senior Roxie Simpson (right) looks to get past a defender. After missing last season with a broken leg, Simpson has scored five goals in her return to the team.

Striking back

Simpson returns from injury with GCHS

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Granite City soccer player Roxie Simpson isn't exactly a fish out of water when she's streaking on goal from her right wing position, but she does feel somewhat like a defender in a forward's body.

Simpson, Illinois' Athlete of the Week, played defense for coach Gene Baker during both her freshman and sophomore campaigns, but was moved up from this season for her senior year.

"It's been up top," Simpson said. "And I enjoy playing there. I feel comfortable and confident. But, I think I'm better at defense. Defense is what I really enjoy playing."

It would be difficult to guess by the way Simpson has been running that results in scoring goals this season. She already has five goals and four assists and is part of an attack that has scored 34 goals, while allowing only three, in the first 10 games.

"Roxie Simpson strikes the ball extremely well," Baker said. "She takes most of our

corner kicks and free kicks. She is very strong and very accurate with her strikes."

Simpson has been playing competitive soccer since age 4, and has played select soccer since age 9.

It was while playing select ball that before the start of the high school soccer season one year ago that Simpson broke her leg and missed her entire junior campaign.

"Coach Baker made me a member of the team even though I couldn't play," Simpson said. (See SIMPSON, Page 3B)

Refusal to quit leads East Side to no end



Patrick Heston

"Good," I heard the old-timers say as I was growing up. In other words, get out while you still have a chance. And, especially, get out before you end up in the record books.

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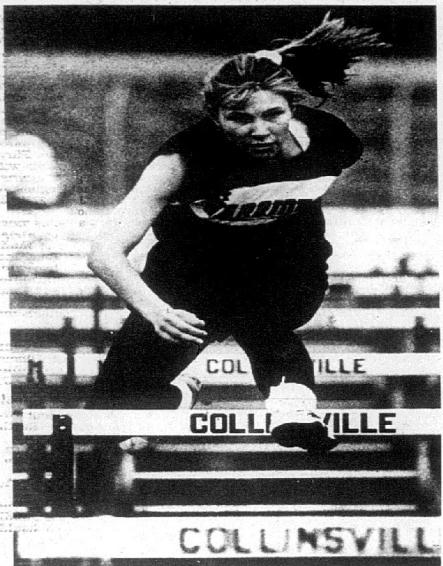
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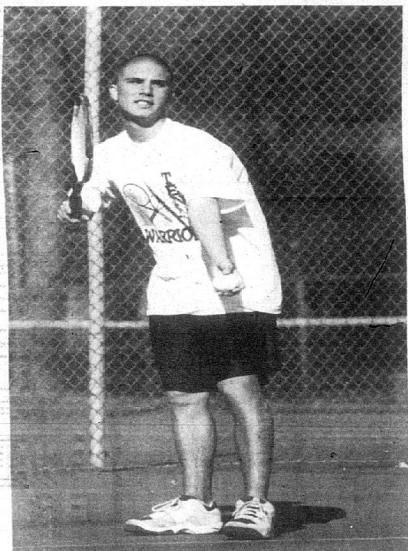


Left: Freshman hurdler Angela Kromraj competes in a race at Collinsville.

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Left: Granite City junior
Becky Bargiel races past
Collinsville's Amy Rudy in the
400 relay during a
recent meet.

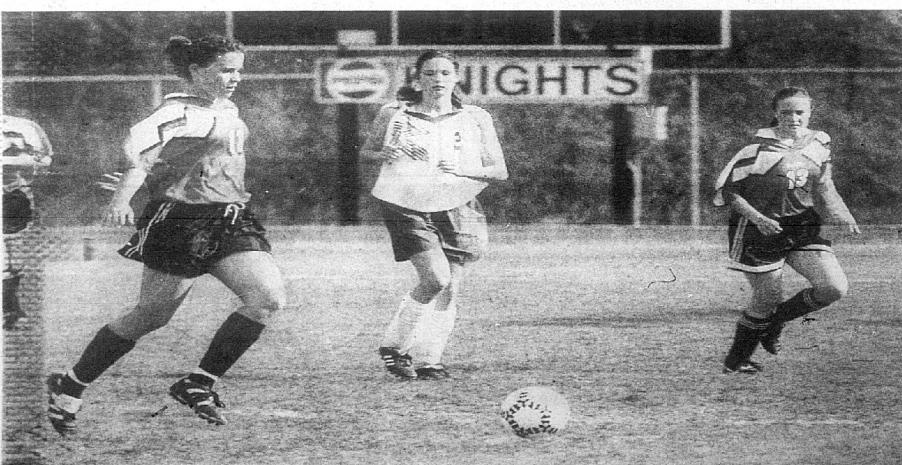
Below: GCHS junior
Steve Mennemeyer
makes an attempt in the
long jump.



Above: GCHS tennis player Chris Carpenter
prepares to serve.



Above: Ryan Relleke makes the turn for home.
Below: Mikal Guffey extends his lead at first base.
Right: Jessica Stratman delivers a pitch.



Above: Erika Todd (left) advances the ball past
Valerie DeVerger of Francis Howell as teammate
Michelle Montgomery (right) keeps pace during

play in the St. Dominic/Howell North Shootout.

Right: Jenna Wright slides home.



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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)
Felicia Mohsen makes a pass. The Lady Warriors play at Belleville East on Tuesday.

•Kickers— •GCHS

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left side, almost to the line, and shot into traffic. The ball bounced off the keeper to Felicia Mohsen, who blasted it into the back of the net.

GCHS had a half-dozen more chances in the half, including a 40-yard free kick by Meyers. The keeper was barely able to find the ball.

St. Joseph's made a two-minute run at the 74:00 mark, taking three corner kicks and putting four straight shots on goal, but Shanna Roth came up big each time. The shutout was the Lady Warriors' third of the tournament and Roth's eighth of the season.

Baker called St. Joseph's "a very good team with a lot of speed and good depth. They substitute well and lose nothing in the exchange. They are a good team."

"Tournaments are all about stamina and consistency," Baker said. "You lack one and you can't win. To be on a tournament team, you have to handle injuries and the like. Tournaments are about enduring and winning in spite of difficulties."

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42 seconds flat and more than two seconds ahead of his nearest competitor.

Placing second were the 4x100 (43.9 seconds) and 4x200 (1:33.7) relay teams, while the Warriors placed fourth in the 4x400 (8:46.2).

Huckelberry placed second in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 15.6 seconds, just four-tenths of a second off the winning mark.

Third-place honors went to Dame Bauer in both the 100 (11.0) and 200 (23.3) dashes, and to Rocky Smith, who cleared an even 6-4 in the high jump.

Curtis Howard had a pair of fourth-place finishes, sprinting the 100 in 11 flat and the 200 in 23.8.

Kevin Atkins placed fifth in the 300, covering the course in a time of 2:09.3.

Placing in the field events were Joe Lutz, seventh in the discus (120 feet); Steve Menner, seventh in the long jump (20-6); Rocky Smith, eighth in the long jump (20-5); Jimmy Hause, eighth in the triple jump (41-0); George Wolfe, seventh in the triple jump (40-10); and Mike Simpson, eighth in the high jump (5-8).

"This was the best meet

of the season," Hause said.

•Simpson

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said. "It really hurt not to be a part of our success last season. I wanted to contribute on the field, but all I could do was encourage from the sideline. I was every game. I watched them play at state. It was a hard year."

As a result of sitting out a season, Simpson said, "I was really looking coming into this year because I hadn't played for Coach Baker since I was a sophomore. But it's been great. Before, I had always played forward, but this year I started at forward. But I have loved every minute of it. It is great to be playing again, to be a part of this year's success."

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Simpson is hoping the year will culminate with a state championship for the Lady Warriors. Granite City placed third in the state last season and has returned most of its team.

"I definitely have added incentive this year, after missing all of last season," she said. "I am really pumped, really excited about this season. I missed going to state as a part of last year's team and that makes me more ready to go this year. We're

good enough to go, good enough to win. This is without a doubt the best team I have ever played on."

In addition to a powerful shot, Simpson has great speed, though she admits to being a step slower since she broke her leg. Along with Ishmael Mohsen and Erika Todd, she is among the fastest players on the team, possessing great overall speed.

Playing with teammates such as Todd, the Mohsens and Montgomery sisters, Jamie, Danielle and Emily, just makes Simpson's game that much better.

"When you play with quality players like we have on this team," she said, "it helps your own game immensely. You can

take care of your job up front and not have to worry about what happened behind you if you make a mistake. You can go all out, gamble at times, and take some chances because there's such solid depth behind you."

Roxane is not the only soccer player in the Simpson family. Her brother, Eric, played four years for the Warriors. And her mother currently plays at Soccer For Fun.

"Mom started playing soccer after I did," Roxie Simpson said. "She enjoys it. And she likes to kick the ball to me a lot in the back yard."

As far as playing with GCHS, Simpson sees the state championship as a very reachable goal.

And as for personal goals, "I just want to play well the rest of the season and have fun," she said. "I'm not really interested in recognition and awards. I simply want to play well and help my team out."

(Each week one prep varsity athlete will be selected by the Journal sports staff as the "Athlete of the Week." Selected athletes will be featured in newspapers throughout the Journal's coverage area.)

Prairie State tryout dates kicking off

Elite teams in basketball, soccer and volleyball are now being formed for the Southwestern North Region in the 14th annual Prairie State Games June 27-29.

The Southwestern North Region used to be included in the Southern Region, but the Prairie State Games has expanded from eight regions to 12 to make the Games more accessible for everyone. Players picked for the teams will represent the region against the state's 11 other regions in the PSC Finals June 27-29 in Southern Illinois.

To be eligible, athletes must either be a resident or attend school in the counties of Madison, Fayette, Bond and Calhoun. The four age divisions—Scholastic (athletes currently in grades 8-12) and Open (beyond 12th grade).

The tryouts and auditions for the sports are as follows:

BASKETBALL
Open Men—3 p.m. May 31 and June 1, Southern Illinois University, Alton, Illinois, Student Fitness Center, J.J. Bragg (656-8096).

Open Women—noon May 31 and June 1, SIUE, Student Fitness Center, Anthony Smith (656-1388).

SCHOLASTIC
Men—1 p.m. May 4, Highland High School, Jeff Faulkenberg (654-5329).

Women—TBA, Belleville East High School (656-2327).

A coach is needed for the Scholastic Women's basketball team. Anyone interested should call Bob Emig at 632-1002.

SOCER

Open Men—1 p.m. May 4 and May 18, Edwardsville Area Soccer Club, SIUE, Norm Scott (656-5227).

Open Women—6 p.m. May 4 and May 18, Edwardsville Area Soccer Club, SIUE, Gene Briggs (876-4719).

SCHOLASTIC
Men—6 p.m. May 4 and May 18, Edwardsville Area Soccer Club, SIUE, Gene Briggs (876-4719).

Women—6 p.m. May 4 and May 18, Edwardsville Area Soccer Club, SIUE, Norm Scott (657-2827).

Scholastic Women—6 p.m. May 4 and May 18, Edwardsville Area Soccer Club, SIUE, Terry and Eric Mitchell (452-0308).

Mississippi Valley

Southwestern Conference
Team Conf Overall
Alton 6-1 11-1
Belleville East 6-1 13-2
Edwardsburg 5-2 13-2
Collinsville 4-3 14-1
Belleville West 3-4 14-1
Granite City 1-3 4-5
East St. Louis 1-4 5-6
ESL Lincoln 0-3 0-6

Mississippi Valley
Team Conf Overall
Roxana 3-1 6-4
Highland 2-1 6-6
Civic Memorial 2-1 5-7
Jerseyville 3-2 5-8
Hawthorne 2-2 5-6
Masconau 2-4 5-11
Wood River 0-4 2-7

Cahokia
Team Conf Overall
Marissa 6-0 8-4
Liberty 4-1 10-3
Weston 2-1 10-5
Dupo 4-2 9-4
Breeze C 3-2 7-5
Red Bud 2-4 4-6
Waterloo 2-4 5-10
Hawthorne 3-6 5-12
New Althens 1-5 3-10
ESL Lincoln 0-5 0-5

Independents
Team Conf Overall
Waterloo 6-0 14-5
New Althens 6-0 11-4
Weston 4-1 12-3
Dupo 4-3 12-6
Fremont 4-3 9-9
Cathley 2-2 6-8
Lebanon 1-2 2-7
Columbus 1-3 3-2
Muras 2-5 3-4
Red Bud 2-5 6-9
Breeze C 0-6 2-17

South Seven

Team Conf Overall
OFallon 0-1 11-3
Cahokia 0-1 12-1

Independents
Team Conf Overall
Gibault 13-5 19-10
Mater Dei 6-7 10-8
Alton 10-8 16-9
Okawville 6-9 10-10
M.E. Lutherian 3-4 5-4
Vanderburgh 3-4 5-4
Marquette 3-10 14-10

Southwestern Conference
Team Conf Overall
Grand City 9-1 19-10
Alton 2-1 5-10
Collinsville 0-1 5-11
Belleville East 0-1 5-11
Belleville West 0-2 2-10
ESL Lincoln 0-3 0-3

Mississippi Valley
Team Conf Overall
Triad 4-0 6-1
Roxana 2-0 4-1
Wood River 1-2 4-1
Civic Memorial 0-2 0-2

Independents
Team Conf Overall
Alton 9-2 19-10
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Marquette 2-1 5-10
Collinsville 1-2 5-10
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Cahokia 1-0 1-0

VOLLEYBALL

Open Men—6 p.m. May 18, Civic Memorial High School, Bethalto, Rick Verdun (656-7719).

Open Women—9 a.m. May 18, Civic Memorial High School, Gina James (656-8119).

SCHOLASTIC
Men—2 p.m. May 18, Civic Memorial High School, Darren Isaak (486-5565).

Women—11 a.m. May 18, Civic Memorial High School, Stacey Coffman (377-9666).

THE ENTRY fee to try out is \$18 and includes a souvenir (See GAMES, Page 4B)

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Sports Day

The annual Granite City Grade School Sports Day for girls is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, with the boys on Wednesday, May 21. The event will be held at Maryville Grade School beginning at 9 a.m. both days.

Football camp

St. Louis Rams linebacker Robert Jones will hold a youth instructional football camp June 12-17 at Blackburn College in Carlinville.

The camp, for boys ages 8-18, will feature instruction from members of the Rams. Scheduled to work the camp are Tony Banks, Leo Goode, Leslie Gill, Eddie Konzinski, Jimmie Jones, Harold Green, Roman Phifer, Wayne Gandy and others.

Jones will be at the camp every day. For more information, call 1-800-555-0901.

Soccer Academy

Bob Warming's St. Louis Soccer Academy will hold seven summer camps for boys this year.

The Elite Academy, for boys ages 13-19, is scheduled for

July 20-24. The Advanced meets July 27-31. The Goal Scoring and Goal Keeping Academy, for boys ages 10-19, is July 24-28. The Goalkeeping Academy meets three times July 20-24, July 24-28, and July 27-31 and is open to boys ages 10-19.

For more information or an application, call (314) 977-3268 or write to St. Louis Soccer Academy, 3672 West Pine Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo. 63108.

FCA camp

The St. Louis Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold a football camp July 23-27 and a baseball camp July 27-30. The football camp staff includes Jim Swanson, head football coach at Wentzville High School; Larry Kindbom, head coach at Washington University; and Bob Christian of Webster Groves. The baseball camp staff for the baseball camp includes Kevin Bowers, head baseball coach at New Seckman High School, and many more.

The cost for each camp is \$150. For more information, call the FCA office at (314) 363-3322.

Bantam tourney

The Chesterfield (Mo.) Community Association has added a 16-team Bantam I level to its Independence Day holiday baseball tournament to be held July 24-26. The tournament still has a few slots remaining at three other levels: Atom 2, Bantam II and Midget II.

There is a three-game guarantee. The entry fee is \$110. Call Mike Cremer (314-519-9830) or Joe Maas (314-458-8827) for more information.

Sports physicals

Pre-participation sports physicals will be offered by the Granite City School District 6:30 p.m. May 21-22 at the Wolf Building. Physician, Medicine Department and Medical.

The cost is \$25 and the physical is good for one calendar year, and it is accepted by the Illinois High School Association. For more information, call Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine at 708-398-3943. All students who require any immunizations are exempt.

Journal Writers' Poll
Baseball

LARGE SCHOOLS

1. Francis Howell N. (13-0) ... 70
2. Belleville East (11-1) ... 63
3. Edwardsville (14-2) ... 54
4. Oakville (10-2-1) ... 43
5. Parkway Central (9-3) ... 37
6. Fox (11-3) ... 35
7. Pattonville (8-3) ... 21
8. Hillsboro (11-5) ... 16
9. McCluer (7-3) ... 13
10. Troy (11-4) ... 10

Also receiving votes: Parkway North, Lafayette, Waterloo, Fort Zumwalt South

SMALL SCHOOLS

1. Eureka (9-3) ... 69
2. Alton (8-2) ... 60
3. St. Mary (8-2) ... 56
4. Windsor (8-1) ... 43
5. Dupo (12-4-1) ... 38
6. Wescin (11-1) ... 30
7. Clayton (8-2) ... 27
8. Bautista (11-4) ... 25
9. Lutheran South (7-2) ... 13
10. St. Charles (6-3) ... 7

Also receiving votes: Valley Park, Afton, Festus, Mary Institute-Country Day

Journal Writers' Poll
Girls Soccer

Week of April 30

1. Incarnate Word (14-0-2) ... 67
2. Granite City (7-1) ... 65
3. St. Louis Academy North (12-1-1) ... 45
4. St. John's (10-1) ... 45
5. Lafayette (9-2-2) ... 35
6. (tie) Notre Dame (8-3-1) ... 20
6. (tie) Hazelwood Central (8-3-0) ... 20
8. Port Credit South (6-2-2) ... 16
9. Parkway Central (8-2-1) ... 16
10. Nerinx Hall (4-4-1) ... 12

Also receiving votes: Lindbergh, McCluer North, St. Dominic, O'Fallon

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The Collinsville coaching staff offered the Flyers' coaches a way out. The Kahoks were willing to end the game early, considering the insurmountable margin East Side had to overtake even though it had a generous offer several times. As unbelievable as it may sound, even Collinsville doesn't enjoy beating the living daylight out of an opponent. Except on occasion, perhaps. But the Flyers refused.

It's not like this was the first time East St. Louis was on the receiving end of a Kahok's coaching. In the process of digging themselves into an 0-7 start, the Flyers have been outscored 209-22. That's an average of 29.9 runs per game, while scoring just one run every 3 1/2 games. You'd think after being so abased for so long, that East Side would quit while the quittin's good."

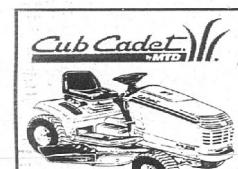
But there's another gem of wisdom at work here.

"Persistence pays off," I was always taught.

Suck it in, stick it out, hang in there, don't give up, that's the wisdom of the ages. Problem is, I'm not sure Socrates or Buddha or Confucius or even Zigmund ever played high school football. I'll bet Buddha could have hit the ball a mile, but whether or not he could have ever run to first is a question. And even if the great teacher of human wisdom did play softball, it's unlikely they were losers in a 50-0 game where they had been offered a way out.

Then again, the ancient Hindus may have taken their definition of Nirvana from just such an experience. After all, the Hindus define it, Nirvana is literally a blowing out or extinction (of the flame of life) and reunion with Brahma. To them it probably like the Hindus know what it was to lose a 50-0 softball game.

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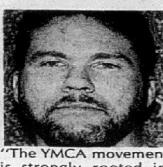
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How do you feel about the government asking for volunteers to help the disadvantaged?



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"I think volunteer work is great. People should help people in need anyway; you never know when you're going to be the person in need."



"Volunteering is a great idea. There are so many people that need good help. I know deep in my heart that if I needed help, someone would help me. And I feel that other people would feel the same."



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Interviewed at Granite City YMCA

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Granite City
Retired

Rich Wittmann, 44
Granite City
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Has the world gone crazy?

By Bob Slaten
Staff writer

When going (some might say "fishing") through the stack of mail on my desk this week, I came across a couple of items that baffled me.

Is it just me or has the world gone nuts?

First in the mail stack was a newsletter called "Skeptical Inquirer: The Magazine for Science and Reason." It turns out the publisher, The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, is a pseudo-scientific organization.

The newsletter railed on television shows such as the popular "X-Files" and "Millennium" and movies like "Independence Day" that include psychic or paranormal activities in their plots.

According to the newsletter, such shows are confusing and misleading the public — especially our children — about science and facts. These shows are doing irreparable harm to our future, the organization claims.

A writer for one of the shows responded to the attack: "I just want to be entertained."

And that's why I go to the movies — to be entertained. If I want to learn about science, I'll read a textbook.

Second in the stack was a 34-page slick magazine called "Psychiatry: Education's Ruin," published by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights. Established by a popular "church" based on the West Coast, the magazine explained how our children in school are simply laboratory rats. The cover photo depicts students as zombies, with no

Funds sought for organization

TO THE EDITOR: The Washington Park Emergency Organization Inc., a non-profit organization serving the Metro East, is seeking funds for its 1997 Emergency Fund.

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W.P.E.O.
Washington Park

Can't we ever be satisfied?

TO THE EDITOR: The people of Rancho Sante Fe near San Diego had one of the best places in the world. A glorious city, warm weather, a mansion and fine food were not enough for them.

Are we much different? We are never satisfied.

Incredibly, those members of the "new" world have abandoned the very best of God's green Earth to go to a mystical "higher level," which actually is an elusive bus in the universe unfit for any kind of life.

At least they were searching for something higher, unlike us here in the U.S. who just seem to worship something at a lower level called an enterprise zone.

The American Bottoms have some of the richest soil in the world, over a wonderful aquifer that provides good water to many prosperous towns. We ought to be protecting our natural soil and water, but instead we are giving a warehouse plowed right in the middle of the floodplain. Additional drainage problems and sewer breakages, on top of existing floodwater emergencies, compound the imagination.

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eyes and dumbfounded expressions on their faces. Psychiatrists, the magazine goes on to say, are all quick — many of whom are suicidal, or abusers or some abusers of patients. They have placed labels on our children and pushed drugs down their throats, according to the magazine. It also promotes a belief to "eliminate all dangerous and invasive psychiatric/psychological-based programs, assessments, and tests from our schools and funding them out."

Now I'm as concerned as the next parent about what they are teaching my child in handwriting class for that matter. But it seems to me that some children are different from others. Some children do need help to cope with situations or emergencies. It seems to me psychiatry is trying to help people, not undermine our society as the magazine claims.

Third in the pile was a press release promoting a fully interactive video game called "Battlefield Earth" based on a novel by (drumroll please) the founder of the "church" mentioned above, the one that says psychiatry is ruining our country.

The game is a story of God's chosen people in the year 3000, where giant, gas-breathing aliens from the planet Psycho invade our planet. The handful of human survivors fight a running battle of weapons and other weapons of war and dangers, including an evil alien invader. "At stake in the struggle ... is the future of Earth and the galaxy," the press release promises.

Sounds a lot healthier for a child than a therapy session, don't you think?

Those who wish to partake of this interactive game can check out the "Battlefield Earth" website (<http://www.battlefieldearth.com>).

Fourth there was a series of releases about President Clinton's trail from Arkansas to Washington being littered by road deaths, health problems, and other scandals. The fliers claim that there is a Zionists-Communist plot to overthrow the world and enslave 15 million people in Alaska, and that a total of 100,000 immigrants were activated during the administration of Ronald Reagan.

The fliers point out that the following are to be seized by executive order: seizure of all communications media by the federal government; seizure of all electrical power, fuels, gas, water and food; seizure of all food, farms and equipment; seizure of all.

(See CRAZY, Page 6B)

A gift that costs nothing

TO THE EDITOR: I would like for my readers to know about a gift they can give that costs nothing and saves lives: organ and tissue donations.

In recognition of National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 19-25, I wanted to share some facts about donations that would help readers make an educated decision.

I can attest to the benefits and facts of organ donation because I probably wouldn't be alive today if it weren't for an organ donor. I'm a kidney recipient and I'm grateful for the gift that was given to me.

First, readers should know that just signing the back of their drivers license is not enough; they need to tell their family.

Second, as I mentioned earlier, donation does not cost the donor or the family.

And third, the allocation of an organ is done by a blind system that is fair. People who are wealthy, well-known or powerful, now get preferential treatment. Everyday people like me get organs all the time.

More than 1,200 are waiting locally and 50,000 nationally for lifesaving organ transplants.

Please take time to discuss this important issue with your family. And remember, you can save someone's life.

SUE MONKIN

Kidney transplant recipient,

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The newspaper provides the "Letters" column to give readers an opportunity to voice opinions on various items of interest.

Letters should be brief, preferably less than 10 paragraphs. Typed letters or letters that are neatly written are given priority treatment. Preference is also given to locally originated letters, but letters from outside the area are accepted.

Each letter must be signed and include the telephone number on which the writer can be reached. Only the name and city will be published, but authors may be called for verification purposes.

The "Opinion Shapers" column is open to those interested in writing at length on a topic of current interest. You may contact Bob Slaten at 674-2000 if you are interested in submitting an article to this column.

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Litany on the prairie

A resting place for baby Joles in Southern Illinois

By Grover Brinkman
Often a writer will condemn a script in the first paragraph. Perhaps the effort is too flamboyant, badly styled or overemphasized. But that "this is a true story" instantly arouses an editor's suspicion.

There is no time to check the authenticity, so the editor reaches for that dreaded anathema of all writers, a rejection slip.

Yet with all of these odds, this writer must make a simple statement. This is a true story.

The grave of baby Joles is still there, along the roadway in southern Illinois.

Perhaps with some doubt, contending that this writer embellished the truth a bit, fictionalizing parts of the story to add to its dramatic impact. But the writer is sure he has a manuscript like this. On the negative side adverse reader reaction might be injurious. On the other side of the coin, if they reported the story, and later put it in print in a competitive journal, it might spoil their day, to say the least.

So to prove a story, there must be an aura of fact. Baby Joles' grave in the corner of this family cemetery is an actual artifact of proof.

The story, to be remembered,

is about a frantic gypsy father and mother, seeking a place to bury an infant child who died on the road. The time-clock was soon after the turn of the

century, when gypsy clans still roved the back roads of mid-America in horse-drawn covered wagons that resembled the Dutch Conestoga with its billowing canvas.

Joles was a cousin of this journalist, at the time spending a week's vacation at the farm of my father.

"There are three covered wagons coming up the drive," he said, pointing. "Now the first wagon is being loaded in the barnyard, and a young man and woman climbed down from the high seat. The woman was barefooted, wearing a red skirt and a blue raven hair plaited into two long braids. They were sober-faced and grim, the woman's face tear-stained."

"We saw this small cemetery over there in the meadow," the man began.

"Our family graveyard," father said. "A new-born infant, Baby Joles, died in the night," the woman sobbed.

"We're looking for a burial spot," the man said soberly.

"My father responded quickly, with a usual kind-heartedness.

"I suppose we could spare a spot in the corner of the cemetery."

"What would be the charge?" the mother queried.

"No charge! No charge at all!"

Tears started in the woman's eyes. "You are very kind,

"We will make the interment, come back next year for a visit."

As the couple climbed back into the wagon seat, Joey whispered: "She has a bracelet of small gold coins about her right ankle!"

The wagons stopped at the cemetery gate, and father showed them where to dig the grave.

And finally a tiny

blue-and-white-wrapped form was lowered into its bed of clay.

An elderly man, a black sash about his forehead, moved to the head of the grave. He raised his hands and crooned. A haunting melody started, reminiscent of a long-time skill. Finally the music died down to a whisper, and a single tear fell, remaining unintelligible for it was in a foreign tongue. One of the women had found a clump of wild flowers and laid a bouquet on the new grave.

"Will you keep the weeds off my baby's grave?" the young mother asked. My father nodded. "My sons are the ones who will do it."

This should end the story. But there is an appendix.

The next summer the same

wagons stopped at our farm, and the father asked permission to visit the cemetery.

The husband and wife knelt at the baby's grave, smiled when the sun was warm and free. The father hammered down a cross fashioned of walnut, a very enduring wood. On it were two worms cut into the wood: Baby Joles.

The cross is rotted away now, replaced by a field stone as a marker.

I still have the small gold coin that the mother handed me for mowing the weeds. I still remember that strange Romany litany, and the haunting melody that came from the mouth of the woman.

The last time that this Romany clan visited us, they came in vans, not prairie schooners.

"We don't forget the graves of our loved ones," the mother said to father. She was older now, her feet encased in sandals. But the gold coins were still around her right ankle.

Grover Brinkman is a writer who lives in Columbia.

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Dorothy Lamer
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ORGANIZATIONS

Retired Office Personnel

Retired Office Personnel, Granite City School District #9, held their monthly meeting at the Inn of Plenty in Highland. Those in attendance were Alice Campbell, Dorothy Lamer, Marceline Hause, Fred Andrews, Mabel Chandler, Agnes Haldeman, Helen Toncoff and June Mercer.

Dorothy Lamer, April Hostess, is making reservations at Casa Gallar-

do, Fairview Heights.

Legion Auxiliary

Venice-Lake City Unit 307, American Legion Auxiliary, had their meeting on Monday, March 3, 1997, at Post 307 in Venice. Norma Hillmer was hostess and served 17 members.

Dorothy HRAREXY Hinson, President, conducted the business meeting.

Mary Hause, Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman, collected \$7.75 for this fund. A donation of \$35 will be sent to the Department.

Pauline Mersinger, Community Service Chairman, announced bingo for the Colonial Haven on March 13 and Colonades on March 20.

Norma Hillmer, Bylaws Chairman, reviewed the changes in Unit 307 Bylaws and Standing Rules and these were accepted. Report to be made to the Department.

Dorothy Hinson, Juniors Chairman, reported that funds are still available to be used, but still have some to sell. Plans are being made for the Juniors to

attend the Junior Department Conference in Springfield in April.

Frances Cowley, Past Presidents Chairman, asked that a donation be made to the Venice Schoolhouse program. It was done. She announced a 5th Division Past Presidents dinner to be held on Saturday, April 19th at the Haven on Crab Orchard Lake and a 22nd District Past Presidents dinner at Collingsville on April 30.

Dorothy Hinson, Co-chairman for V.A. and R. Grade planned to have a bingo party at the Jefferson Barracks Nursing Home on March 11. Miss Hinson thanked the volunteers who helped out. The John C. Danaher V.A. on the 19th, 12, with the "Salute to Hospitalized Veterans" and on February 14, at the Jefferson Barracks V.A. with the "Awards for the Creative Arts Festival".

Bette Nugent, National Security Chairman, thanked members to return to her for the number of poppy Bonds purchased for self or as gifts during this year.

Fifth Division Poppy meeting and regular meeting will be held on April 6 at the Nashville American Legion Poppy Dya will be Friday, May 23.

March 22 at 6:30 p.m., a final Birthday Party for Post and Unit 307 will be held at the Inn of Plenty in Highland. The building is being sold and this will be our farewell to the building. Meal and music tickets will be \$10.

The attendance prize was won by Rose Cooper.

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The Unit 307 Auxiliary will meet next time at the Madison V.F.W. In March.

Bingo followed the business meeting.

Auxiliary Junior Group

The 22nd District, American Legion Auxiliary Junior Group, held their quarterly meeting at the Venice-Lake City Unit 307 in Cahokia Unit 784. Juniors was the hostess group. Lunch was served and a short meeting held.

During the meeting, the girls bowled two games. Prize winners were Cathy Moreland and Laura Miller, both from Venice-Madison Unit 307.

Those attending from Venice-Madison 307 besides the prize winners were Norma Hillmer and Dorothy Hause. From the Cahokia Unit 784 were Eric Mitchell, Junior member; and Mike Murphree, Senior member. From the Collingsville Unit 881 were Juniors Laura Miller and Kristin Straub. From the hostess group Cahokia Unit 784 were Kelly Paetz, Junior member; and Margaret Payne, Senior member.

The next meeting will be held at Granite City Post 113 with the Venice-Madison Unit 307 Juniors as hostess group.

TRIO Unit

TRIO Unit of Madison County Association for Home and Community Enrichment, had their monthly meeting at Hope Lutheran Church in Granite City at noon, March 4, 1997, with 25 members and 4 guests in attendance.

The members enjoyed a delicious potluck. Hostesses for the meeting were Linda Etheridge, Roberta Coltrin, Shirley Thompson and Unice Wilkerson.

President, Sarah Huber opened (See ORGANIZATIONS, Page 8B)

the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Sarah introduced the local leaders, Gail Hill and Marlene Lybar. Gail Hill gave an informative lesson on "Gardening - Herbs."

Secretary, Roberta Cottrell had the roll call. She also read the minutes of the March 4th meeting, the treasurer's report and correspondence from Loma Henson thanking the unit for the get well card she had received.

Get well cards will be sent to Pauline Nichols, Marguerite O'Neill and Louise Henson.

First Vice President Lucille Sackett attended the kick-off luncheon in Belleville. She informed the unit of a new, non-hormonal drug being used in the treatment of osteoporosis.

Committee report on Cultural Enrichment was given by Judy Schatz. The next craft day members are invited to bring in what ever craft they are interested in working on with them.

Sarah Huber made the announcement that the April meeting is being changed from the 1st to the Tuesday, April 8th at Hope Lutheran.

Naomi Chapman gave out attendance prizes to Louise Anderson, Helen Miller, Wilma Pulaski and Vivian Foreman.

H.C.E. Association

The Granite City Unit of Madison County Association H.C.E. met at the Anchorage Recreational Center on March 4, 1997. They were honored by the visit of Vicki Hueston, President of the County Board.

The invocation was given by Flo Schatz. For this delicious lunch was served by the hostesses Ann Miller and Sophie Thomas.

The Pledge to the Flag was recited. The meeting of Homemakers Aim was led by Vincie Zerahn.

President, Sarah Huber opened (See ORGANIZATIONS, Page 8B)

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BUSINESS JOURNAL

Merger fallout: 42 branches to close

12 Boatmen's, 30 others to be trimmed

By MARCIE MANNING

For the Business Journal

Boatmen's Bancshares Inc. will close 42 of its 112 Illinois offices, mostly in smaller towns, and will move 12 others to larger, more central locations, the company said yesterday.

Boatmen's, based in Chicago, has 112 branches in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Illinois branches will close in Alton, Belvidere, Champaign, Decatur, Elgin, Galesburg, Joliet, Kankakee, LaSalle, Lisle, Rockford, Springfield, Urbana and Winona.

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SCHOOL MENUS

May 5-9
Granite City
Public Schools**Breakfast**

MONDAY, May 5 — Cinnamon toast, mixed fruit, milk.
TUESDAY, May 6 — Sausage roll up, ham, bacon, fruit halves, cereal.
WEDNESDAY, May 7 — Cereal, toast and jelly, fresh banana, milk.
THURSDAY, May 8 — Scrambled eggs, biscuit and jelly, orange wedges, milk.
FRIDAY, May 9 — Waffles with syrup, cup of strawberries, milk.

MONDAY, May 5 — Pizza, whole kernel corn, sliced apples, milk.
TUESDAY, May 6 — Sloppy Joe on bun with pickles, mixed vegetables, strawberry gelatin with fruit pearls, milk.

WEDNESDAY, May 7 — Lettuce, dressing, ham with light dressing, garlic cheese bread, pineapple chunks, cheese, cookie, milk.
THURSDAY, May 8 — Italian dressing, green beans, fresh apple wedges, milk.

FRIDAY, May 9 — Baked fish on bun, macaroni and cheese, sliced peaches, milk.

Madison
Public Schools**Breakfast**

MONDAY, May 5 — Rice, toast, juice, milk.
TUESDAY, May 6 — Pork patty on bun, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY, May 7 — Cinnamon

rolls, juice, milk.
THURSDAY, May 8 — Sausage or bacon, bacon, fruit halves, cereal.
FRIDAY, May 9 — Toast, jelly, yogurt, juice, milk.

Lunch

MONDAY, May 5 — Pizza or chicken steak on bun, tossed salad, peers, milk.
TUESDAY, May 6 — Hot dog or peanut steak on bun, sauerkraut, potatoe, peanut butter cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY, May 7 — Hot ham sandwich on hoagie bun or barbecue burger or bun, corn, peach, milk.

THURSDAY, May 8 — Chicken and dumplings or pizza, carrots, apple crisp, milk.

FRIDAY, May 9 — Pizza burger or nachos, potato rounds, applesauce, milk.

Venice
Public Schools**Breakfast**

MONDAY, May 5 — Cinnamon rolls, slice of ham, milk.
TUESDAY, May 6 — Sausage, biscuits with jelly, milk.

WEDNESDAY, May 7 — Barbecue burger or bun, corn, cherry crisp, milk.

THURSDAY, May 8 — Hash brown, slice of bacon, juice.

FRIDAY, May 9 — Cereal, fruit, milk.

Lunch

MONDAY, May 5 — Barbecue pork on bun, peas and carrots, sliced pickles, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY, May 6 — Chicken nuggets with sweet and sour sauce, green beans, candied yams, slice of

bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY, May 7 — No lunch served.

FRIDAY, May 9 — Nachos with cheese sauce, salsa, lettuce salad, refried beans, peanut butter candy, milk.

SIUE team wins bridge competition

The American Society of Civil Engineers student chapter at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville swept all seven categories of the Mid-Continent Regional Steel Bridge Competition recently in Lawrence, Kan.

In sweeping all seven categories, SIUE won its third straight competition.

The steel bridge contest was sponsored by the American Institute of Steel Construction and ASCE. Teams designed to design, fabricate, and construct a bridge made entirely of steel. The competition is designed to simulate challenges encountered in an actual steel design project. It gives students experience in structural design, fabrication process, quality control, project organization, and teamwork.

To qualify for the overall performance category, the bridges could not deflect more than an inch under a 2,500 pound load with a 19-foot span. The SIUE bridge weighed 83 pounds and supported 2,500 pounds with only .508-inch deflection.

The SIUE team, all seniors, included John "Rusty" Burke of Columbia; Mike Busch of Edwardsville; Matt Hundley of O'Fallon; Jeff Ritter of Edwardsville; and Jason Schreckenberg of Caseyville. Welding, fabricating, and advice was provided by Jan Mansker, professor of SIUE's Dept. of Engineering, while Civil Engineering Assistant Professor Brad Cross was faculty adviser for the team.

The first place finish qualifies the team for the national competition in Pomona, Calif., on Memorial Day weekend. The team will also receive a \$1,000 prize to help defray travel expenses.

• Organizations
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Roll call was taken by the secretary Mary Elyse Yencho and there were 15 members present and one guest.

First Vice Presidentes thanked the hostesses and introduced them as the speakers. They gave a very informative lesson on "Gardening - Herbs."

The first vice also read a history of the unit.

Phyllis Bursatti was reinstated as a member.

Second Vice Elizabeth Schreiber announced that the Victory Tea for all new members will be on April 10.

Cultural Enrichment chairman Celia Schriener read a report regarding activities.

There was a discussion on the floor regarding the May District meeting. The Granite City unit will be the hostesses. It will be on May 10.

The hostesses for the April meeting will be Ann Konopka and Mary Radick. They will also give a lesson on "Buy Recycled; Keep a Good Thing Going."

Sophia Thomas led the Homemakers Creed and the meeting was adjourned. A white elephant sale was conducted after the meeting.

MILESTONES

Jeff Turner celebrates his 36th birthday today, May 4. Lisa Karius celebrates her birthday today, May 4. Carrie McEntyre will celebrate her 44th birthday May 5. Hannah Kotsos will celebrate her 10th birthday May 5. Deron and Laura Bridick will celebrate their 7th anniversary May 6. Terry Rujawicki will celebrate her 31st birthday May 5. "Grandpa" Daugherty will celebrate his 61st birthday May 6. Norris Horton will celebrate his 57th birthday May 7. Gordon and Connie Beswick will celebrate their 35th anniversary May 7. Jenny McEntyre will celebrate her 20th birthday May 7. Mary Love will celebrate her 30th birthday May 7. Barb Schooley will celebrate

her birthday May 7.

Dawn Carney will celebrate her 27th birthday May 8.

Nicole Brinkler will celebrate her 14th birthday May 8.

Larry and Delores Brinker will celebrate their 32nd anniversary May 8.

Dave Schreiber will celebrate his 51st birthday May 9.

Ashley Krawicki will celebrate her 13th birthday May 9.

Mick and Fay Hillman will celebrate their 46th birthday May 9.

Lindsey Meglio will celebrate her 14th birthday May 9.

Jeanne Weidner will celebrate her 47th birthday May 10.

Dorothy Bridick will celebrate her 94th birthday May 10.

Dr. Robert Blankenship will celebrate his birthday May 10.

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FAMILY**SIUE banquet cites graduate students**

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville recently held its Science and Mathematics Banquet on the campus, recognizing its graduate students who were honored in recognition of their academic achievement during the year.

To be honored, a graduate student is required to carry a 3.5 cumulative grade average.

Local students include:

BELLEVILLE: Karen Krey, Bremmer, of environmental studies; Liza Coleman, of biological sciences; Karen Foeller, (secondary education) of mathematics; Joseph Hartman, (Graduate Chemistry Award), of chemistry; Shawna Hennion, of physics; Sandra Hick, of chemistry; Thomas Hodge, of environmental studies; Gregory Schnieder, of biological sciences; Christine Stewart, of mathematics (secondary education); Nancy E. Tamm, of biological sciences.

GLEN CARBON: Jamie Deconcini, of mathematics (secondary education); Nancy E. Egan, of biological sciences; Jeffrey Heskell, of mathematics.

MADISON: David McCullough, of environmental studies; Lynne Miller (Graduate Teaching Assistant Award), of chemistry; and James Powell, of biological sciences.

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NEWS

Tour is set for June 5

The Granite City Park District will sponsor a one-day trip on Thursday, June 5, to the Godfrey/Brussels/Alton area.

The group will leave the Wilson Park Ice Rink at 8:30 a.m. and return by the Willowood Herb Farm and Inn near Godfrey. A 10 a.m. tour will be lead by owner Tom Thompson, who will explain the many areas of the gardens such as Biblical, English folklore, culinary, potpourri, medicinal, etc. — all currently growing with herbs.

At the time of the tour, many will be in bloom and at their peak fragrance. Thompson will explain the many uses of herbs, along with hints and ideas for drying and decorating. He will describe how to make herbal vinegars used in cooking or fresh salads. Herbs will be for sale, along with dried items and many other offerings.

After leaving the farm, the motorcoach will travel to the Brussels area, cross the ferry and deliver the group to the Whitman Restaurant for a complete family-style meal. The restaurant, located in an old hotel, is a true landmark of the area with a reputation for excellence and service.

The trip will end in late afternoon back at Wilson Park.

Trip Tickets will go on sale at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, at the Ice Rink. The cost of the trip is \$33 per person and must be paid at the time of registration.

Residents of the Godfrey area will have priority and must show proof of residency at the time of sign-up. Non-residents will be placed on the waiting list immediately, and those wanting to be placed on the waiting list by phone may do so after noon on May 13. Non-residents will be notified one week later if they are able to make the trip. One person can register from one to four people.

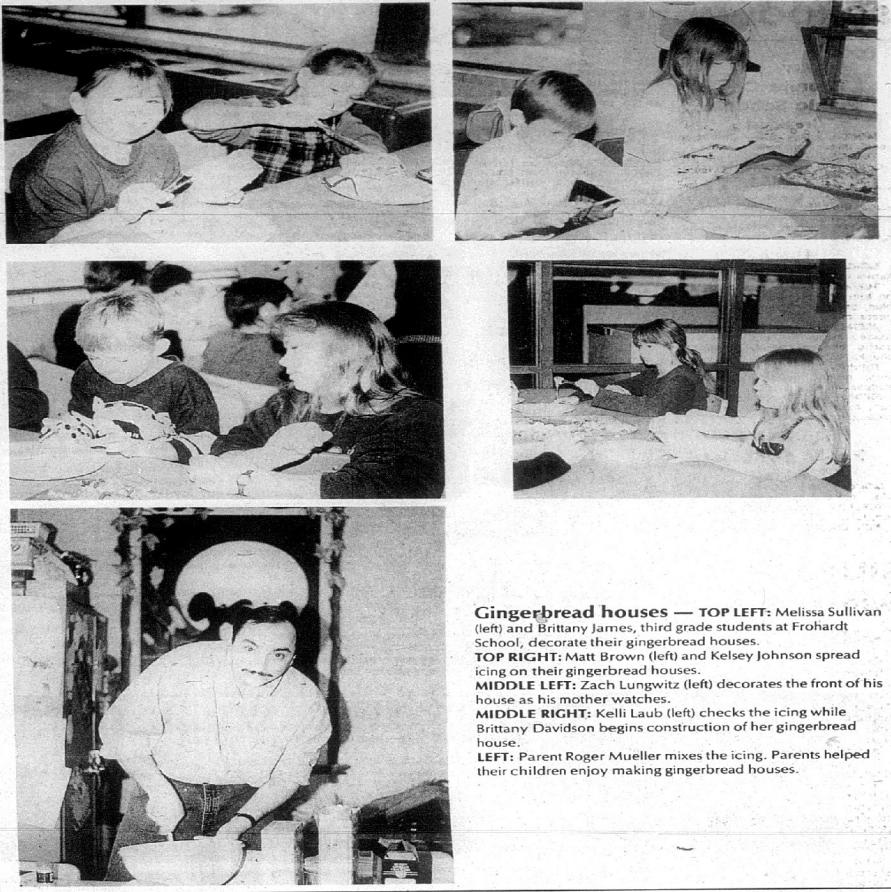
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Gingerbread houses — TOP LEFT: Melissa Sullivan (left) and Brittany James, third grade students at Frohardt School, decorate their gingerbread houses.

TOP RIGHT: Matt Brown (left) and Kelsey Johnson spread icing on their gingerbread houses.

MIDDLE LEFT: Zach Lungwitz (left) decorates the front of his house as his mother watches.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Kelli Laub (left) checks the icing while Brittany Davidson begins construction of her gingerbread house.

LEFT: Parent Roger Mueller mixes the icing. Parents helped their children enjoy making gingerbread houses.

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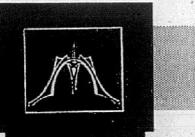
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Internet helping to reunite 'war buddies'

By Scott Hickey
Staff writer

A local man is reaching over the Internet to rebuild the bridges of friendship that were forged more than 30 years ago, half a globe away.

John Kuentzler, a South St. Louis County resident, founded the 19th Combat Engineer Battalion Vietnam Association 10 years ago. He said his goal with the group was to get in touch with the friends he had

made while serving in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. "I didn't tell much to anyone about my experiences in Vietnam when I came home. I was married two years before my wife even knew I was a vet," he said. "I think [the Internet] inspired me to try to track down the guys I'd served with."

Kuentzler said with his wife's encouragement, he started the slow process of

looking for his long-lost war buddies.

"More computers, the only way you could find someone you served with was by putting an ad in a Veterans of Foreign War or American Legion magazine," he said.

Times have changed, and now the 19th Engineers Association has its own web page and quarterly newsletter. Many of the members recently returned from the group's 10th anniversary celebration in

Kokomo, Ind. "Computers have helped us find most of the 200 vets from the 19th," he said. "But the biggest boost came after Desert Storm, when America felt a renewed sense of patriotism. A lot of the guys

feared better about being a Vietnam veteran and wanted to show their support for the troops."

During its five-year service in Vietnam, the 19th Combat Engineer Battalion was in

charge of upgrading and maintaining the main coastal highway, which runs north to south along the eastern coast of Vietnam.

Kuentzler said the reunions are a very supportive place for members to remember the good and bad times they spent "in country," and a way to help their emotional well-being.

"One of the guys who just started coming to the reunions said he would drive by but

could never bring himself to stop," he said. "This group has helped a lot of us feel better about ourselves and rekindle those old friendships."

Kuentzler said the historian for the 19th Engineer Association is a labor of love. "...but out a quarterly newsletter gives some of the guys a chance to talk about their war stories," he said. "Not those cheesy Rambo stories, but a look at some of the lighter times we all had."

The address for the 19th Engineer Association's web page is <http://home.earthlink.net/~t19th/engr19.htm>.

(Editor's note: The Journal computer does not have the symbol for a tilde. Those who are reading this association need to type one in. It looks like a horizontal 's'.)

Thai group visits

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

Thasanee Tathong said she will leave the United States with many happy memories.

"What has impressed me most is how kind the American people are," said Tathong, an English teacher at Suanboonyopathum School in Thailand.

Today, Werachai Choklapanum, Songwut Chongmeekamsuk, Puschong Pothigul and Anan Chankhundit are visiting south Illinois as a part of the Rotary International's Group Study Exchange Program.

Last week, the group visited Lebanon, Mascoutah and O'Fallon. This week, they will spend four days in Belleville.

Tathong, who never traveled outside her country previously, looks forward to visiting again. She said she was intrigued by many things, including the Casino Queen in East St. Louis.

"I did not play," she laughed. "But it looks like they are going to need a much larger boat."

Chankhundit said he feels at home in southern Illinois. A graduate of the University of Kansas and a member of faculty at Chiang Mai University, Chankhundit said he was impressed with MidAmerica Airport.

"I love the small town, Midwest atmosphere," he said.

Chankhundit said the lifestyle is a lot different than what is portrayed on television in his country. Many of those shows portray Americans living a very upscale lifestyle or being cowboys.

A lecturer in linguistics and English, Chankhundit said the group enjoys learning what has been successful. He pointed out that the program not only helps foster relationships, but is also very educational.

Chankhundit said he was also impressed with the McKendree and the services that it provides.

"I wish we had that kind of service in my country," he said. "I really envy McKendree."

Choklapanum, a community development officer, said he has enjoyed working in the area and observing community development projects here.

"It's a much different life style in my community," he said.

As community development officer, Choklapanum is responsible for rural and community development, aiming to raise the quality of life for people in his district.

He said the majority of people in his district still earn their living in farming, growing rice, vegetables, and fruit trees.

Watch meeting set for May 12

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Check out contractor thoroughly before buying new roof

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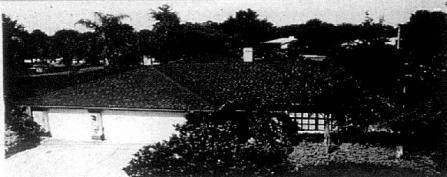
"Considering that a roof protects home, belongings and family, it's essential to do your homework and problems promptly," says Chuck Berk, vice president and general manager of Sears Home Improvement Professional Services, which replaces more roofs than any other company nationwide.

"The good news is that a quality roof, properly installed, lasts for many years. The important thing to know when a new roof is needed, select the proper roof, and choose a roofing contractor you can trust to protect your biggest investment — your home."

When is it time to replace your roof?

"If your roof is more than 10 years old, it may start showing signs of wear," Berk explains.

Loose or missing shingle, damaged flashing between the roof line and exterior walls, and cracked, curled or rotted shingles are warning signs. It's



Today's roofing materials offer homeowners a number of options for beauty and durability.

"If your roof is more than 10 years old, it may start showing signs of wear."

Chuck Berk
Sears home improvement

time to call in a roofing professional.

"Ideally, look for one who offers a free inspection and a written estimate for the work," Berk says.

Popular roofing materials come in varied colors and textures. About 80 percent of American homes have organic (asphalt) or fiberglass roofs, chosen for their mix of performance, low maintenance, versatility and price.

Today's choices include shingles with textures that

create handsome dimensional effects.

Choice of roof color is important, as it affects the overall appearance of the house.

A light-colored roof creates a spacious look, especially when paired with a light colored house. A darker roof gives a cozy look, particularly if the home's color is also dark.

Berk advises consumers to ask how long the contractor has been in business (an indication of the company's stability); and ask for customer and business references. "Time invested in calling references is worthwhile," Berk says.

"Ask if past customers would recommend the contractor to their family and friends."

If the contractor is licensed and insured?

Roofing is not work for amateurs, so don't take

chances," Berk advises. "Ask to see the contractor's license and his certificates for property damage, liability and worker's compensation insurance; and call the

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Have the contractor explain what the roofing manufacturer's warranty covers, and for how long.

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Englishman Charlie Baker is brought to a fishing lodge in Georgia and must learn to get along with the other Englishmen. In the meantime, he overhears more than he should: the evil plans of a sinister two-faced minister and his redneck associate, the fact that the minister's pretty fiancée is pregnant and many other damaging revelations.

The production includes many members of the original cast and the Granite City Community Miner's Players (GCCMP) performed the play in March 1992. Director Shelly Hayden said those cast members are "...a little bit older and a whole lot funnier."

The Friday and Saturday shows will be at 7:30 p.m.; the Sunday show, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door or \$6 in advance. Advance tickets are available at Jonathan's Photo 55, Chamber of Commerce or Stitch 'N Thyme.

Betty Meeks (Elaine Guillot), left, and Charlie Baker (Tim Roustio), rehearse a scene. Owen Musser (Frank Magurany), right, Betty Meeks (Elaine Guillot), Catherine Simms (Catherine Gallaher), Ellard Simms (Scott Morris) and Charlie Baker (Tim Roustio) perform.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Meditate and talk about the hobby with relatives.

Listening to children or visiting with their teachers favorably alters the future.

Introduce your new love to friends. Implement creative plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Chores can make you weary, so fight fatigue with rest and good nutrition. Be gentle with a Pisces who thinks you're tops, even if you don't reciprocate his positive opinion. You'll help a friend with health problems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you paint or write, you'll be productive this afternoon. Make a gift to him; he'll be a big Venus smile on love and money matters. You'll splurge a little, perhaps to impress a new prospect.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Improvements in every area of your life result from your honesty. Delightful events open



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luck in July, especially as travel mates. Come August, let romance in and make the small changes. Singles: Capricorn or Leo looks good. The Taurus is on a work through December, so work hard to earn that raise for next year.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Exploration of your daring nature plans are downed. Plan journeys or expand into a new business with expert associates. Take advantage of good nutrition — you're ready to take better care of yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Familiarity with rules is necessary, but you are on the way to solid accomplishment, so stay true to your beliefs.

A love involvement with a Sagittarius or Aries is fun, but not serious ... yet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Praise and kudos fail from family. Travel is in the picture, you may represent your company or go to a gathering. Libras may make you weak in the knees, and you can be sure the feeling is mutual.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

With your proven leadership record, certain duties fall naturally to you.

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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan.

19).

Energy and determination help you achieve your goals. You'll have a crush on a mysterious neighbor — don't let it distract you. Old family attitudes continue to affect you in your daily life.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb.

18).

Be true to your ideals, and don't lose faith in yourself. Your sensitivity and caring attract a better soul. Don't let emotion interfere with work. Patience and tolerance help a stressed sibling.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20).

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OBITUARIES

Molnar, Sister Rita

SISTER RITA MOLNAR, CDP, died in the early hours of Wednesday, April 29, 1997, after celebrating her 90th birthday. She was a resident of the convent at the Mount Providence (SEM) in Granite City, the hospital where she had ministered during her many years.



Sister Rita was born April 27, 1907, in St. Louis, the daughter of Elizabet (Juhas) and John Molnar. She was baptized Mary Molnar at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, St. Louis. The family later moved to Granite City, where they were members of St. Joseph Parish.

She entered the Community of Sisters of Divine Providence at Mount Providence, Normandy, Mo., on Dec. 8, 1942, at age 35. Sister Rita professed temporary vows on Aug. 6, 1949.

She devoted many years of religious service at the motherhouse — in the Mount Providence School for Boys, dining room, the infirmary, the chaplain's dining room, and the kitchen.

She continued her domestic ministry at St. Mary's Convent in Mount Providence and professed final vows on Aug. 6, 1949.

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Sister Rita was the domestic minister at St. Mary's Convent in Mount Providence and professed final vows on Aug. 6, 1949.

She returned to the Mount Providence in 1963 and again served the community in various ways until 1996. After the motherhouse was sold, Sister Rita moved there to the infirmary, moved back to SEMC.

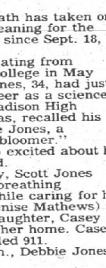
Sister Rita was fond of reading the newspaper and working crossword puzzles — a hobby she continued until just a few weeks before she died.

Sister Rita is survived by a sister, Helen Molnar of Freebury Nursing Home, Freebury; and one niece, Dorothy Paul of California.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and John; and one sister, Catherine.

Saints were held Saturday, May 3, at St. Bartholomew Church, Hazelwood, Mo., Barnes Cemetery, Mount Providence Cemetery, 8501 Florissant Road, Normandy, Mo.

Memorials are suggested in the form of Masses or contributions to the Sisters of Divine Providence



or the Mount Providence Fund.

Memorial Fund, c/o Development Office, 8368 Latty Avenue, Hazelwood, Mo., 63042.

Arrangements were handled by White-Mullen Mortuary, Ferguson.

Droege, Hedy A.

HEDY (WERNER) DROEGE, 87, of Granite City, Ill., died Saturday, April 26, 1997, in Granite City.

She was a resident of this area for 75 years prior to moving to Wisconsin 12 years ago.

Mrs. Droege, a homemaker, was a member of the Luthern Church, a lifelong member of the Concordia Lutheran Church, member of the Ladies Aid, and an official adviser to Waither League.

Survivors include two sons, Charles W. Droege of Algoma, Wis., and John Droege of Demarest, N.J.; a daughter, Werner of Granite City and Edward Werner of Pontoon Beach; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She died in death by her husband, Charles M. Droege, who died Aug. 13, 1980; her son, John, who died in 1985; and her son, Glenville Werner; one brother, Walter Werner, who died in 1980; and one grandchild, John Todd Droege, who died in 1963.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, April 30, at Sunbeam Hill.

Arrangements were handled by White-Mullen Mortuary, 339 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach.

Greathouse, Stephen

"Mark"

STEPHEN "MARK" GREATHOUSE, 40, of Granite City, Ill., died at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 2, 1997, in Granite City following a 15-month illness. He was born Oct. 1, 1956, in St. Louis.

Mr. Greathouse retired from Granite City Steel in February 1996 after 18 plus years as a crane operator/labourer. He was a member of USWA Local 67 and the Italian

American Club in Madison.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie (Davis) Greathouse, whom he married Dec. 19, 1976; two daughters, Chrisie and Casie Greathouse of Granite City; a son, John Mark Greathouse of Granite City; one brother, Cooke Hutchings of Granite City; one brother, Mike Greathouse of Creve Coeur, Mo.; and 16 nieces and nephews.

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Survivors include four sons, Howard Kelley Earney of Union, Mo., Timothy Charles Earney of Villa Park, Ill., and Lauren Riley and Brian David Earney, both of Granite City; his daughter, Mary Virginia Earney of Villa Park; and one brother, Stanley Hoy of Apollo Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Isabel Parker of Herkimer, N.Y., and one brother, Ronald Earney of Granite City; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles N. and Mary (Taylor) Earney; and one brother, Charles Earney.

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NEWS

Scouts recognized for efforts at dinner

Kenneth Wheat was the master of ceremonies for the ninth annual Cahokia Mounds District Recognition Dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City on Jan. 18.

The American Flag was presented by Luther Pike, Tony Gulley, Mary Wiedemer and Floyd Jordan. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Ralph Heimann gave the invocation.

Pat Bush awarded plaques to the following units in recognition for their donations to the district council: Packs 75, 81, 103, 141, 34, and 38; Troop 13, 31, 83, 38, 102 and 71.

Tim Weiser and Ernie Fries awarded ribbons to the following units for their maritime and camping activities: Packs 15, 38, 40, 48, 83, 91, 103 and 122; Troops 38 and 102.

Gertrude Lussenheide produced her annual staff and told of how the district and council ranked 2nd in the region for unit leaders trained.

Diane Keith, district Cub Scout Local chairperson, presented the following awards to the following people: Tiger

Cub Group Coach, Jean Clancy and Dawn East; Den Leader Coach, Susan Thurman; Den Leader Training: Reggie Brooks, Joann Budde Meyer, Tom Byrd, Jane Davis-Byrd, Marilyn Dresch, Lisa Lowery, Alexis Lux, Andrew Mikesell, Rich Oliva, Greg Reiss, Sheila Reiss, Kenneth Shelton and Sue Thurman; Webelos Leader Training: JoAnn Budde Meyer, Marilyn Dresch, Ken Holmes, Gary Jarman, Linda Lowery, Alexis Lux and Kenneth Mikesell.

Cubmasters Training: Jim Greer, Stephen Putz, Tim Schwartz and Cathy Thompson; Cub Scouters Training: Kathy Autio, Jane Davis-Byrd, Anita Holmes and Jean Townsend.

Jim Johns, district Boy Scout Leader Training Chairman, presented the following awards to the following people: Boy Scout Leaders Training: George Brenton, Tom Byrd, Debbie Duffill, Dusty Evans, Linda Lowery, Mike Nance, Brad Wheeler and David Whittington; Scoutmaster's Key: Richard Town-

son; Cub Scouters Training: Judith Smejkal, Brenda Jarman and Bob Evans with Tom Wadsworth as chief woggle and beads. All Wood Badgers present formed their patrols and a hardy round of the Wood Badge song was enjoyed.

Bob Foote and Bob Evans recognized the units for fall round up and school night for scouting achievements: Packs 38, 103, 42, 43, 57, 72, 81, 86, 91 and 95; Troops 31, 38, 46, 57 and 93.

Bob Smejkal presented the Spark Award to the following people: Ed Smith, Pack 91; Dave Walker, Troop 57; Dave Thomas, Troop 41; Will Eubanks, Troop 41; Debbie

Harbin, Pack 96; Patricia Heck, Pack 15 and Dennis Lybarger, Pack 96. The Acorn Award to the following people: Ron Dold, Troop 31; Kathy Turner, Pack 31; John Dold, Pack 57; Bill Johnson, Troop 57; Doug Leith, Pack 41 and Marie Lumsford, Pack 96.

Dennis Lussenheide, district advancement chairman announced the total advancement for 1996: bobcats 100, wolf 96, bear 170, webelos 161, arrow of light 109, tenderfoot 90, second class 99, first class 75, star 34, life 40, and eagle 18. There were four palms awarded.

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Gertrude Lussenheide presented the Cahokia Mounds District Award of Merit, the highest award a district can give a volunteer selected to the district committee.

Mike Babic, Scoutmaster of Troop 13, Granite City; Charles Unger, Troop 34, Glen Carbon and Richard Whetler, Cubmaster of Pack 15, Granite City.

Taylor, Tr. 38; Hamid Turav, Tr. 38 and Matthew Williams, Tr. 38.

LeRoy Stark, a unit commissioner, presented the Pedro Awards to the units who have 100 percent of their youth receiving the Boy's life: Packs 12, 13, 28, 57, 95, 38, 40, 46, 83, 91, 103 and 122.

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Entries are sought

Sparrowgrass Poetry Foundation is offering a grand prize of \$500 in its new "Distinguished Poet Awards" contest. A total of 35 other cash awards also are being offered. The contest is free to enter.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, any style. Contest entries, May 31, 1997, are encouraged to send their work as soon as possible. Poems entered in the contest also will be considered for publication in the Winter 1998 edition of "Treasured Poems of America," a hardcover anthology to be published in December 1997.

Poems should be sent to: Sparrowgrass Poetry Foundation, P.O. Box 193, Sistersville, W. Va. 26175.

Sparrowgrass is dedicated to the hope of rewarding the many undiscovered poets across America.

IN SERVICE

ARMY RESERVE PVT. CASSANDRA L. BROOKS has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldiers will study the Army mission and will receive training in basic combat skills, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, Army history, and the Army's special training in human relations.

Brooks is the niece of Rhonda F. West of Granite City.

AIR FORCE AIRMAN MICHELE J. MARTIN has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airman will complete basic training, earn credit toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Martin is the daughter of Ron L. Martin of Granite City and Patricia K. Cremer of San Diego.

Martin is a graduate of Collinsville High School.

KAMI J. KESSEL has been promoted to the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

Kessel is a signals intelligence analyst in the Air Force Base, Honolulu, Hawaii.

She is the daughter of Steve and Patricia Kessel of Granite City.

The airman is a 1994 graduate of Granite City High School.

JOHN A. WEBB of Granite City has joined the U.S. Army and has received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice, intelligence analyst.

Webb, who will graduate from Granite City High School in May 1997, will take basic and advanced training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

He is the son of Ma. Patti Thom-

son and John Webb of Granite City.

CHARLES J. ELLIS of Madison has joined the U.S. Army and has received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice, intelligence analyst.

Ellis, who is a 1993 graduate of

Madison Senior High School, will take basic and advanced training at Fort Benning, Ga. He will report for duty on June 30, 1997.

He is the son of Mr. John and Mrs. Audrey Ellis of Madison.

JASON E. PEELER of Granite City has joined the U.S. Army and has received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice, motor transport operator.

Peeler will take basic and advanced training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

He is the son of Mr. Rick and Mrs. Mary Ann Peeler of Caseyville and is the grandson of Mrs. Bertha Peeler of Granite City.

MARINE PVT. JASON D. HAGOPIAN of Granite City recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Hagopian successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Hagopian and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running 3 miles and performing calisthenics.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, Hagopian spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat skills, survival, map reading, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

He performed close order drills and participated in small infantry unit during field training.

Hagopian and fellow recruits ended the training program with the annual team effort of problem-solving evolution, which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented with the Marine Corps Emblem and were addressed as Marines for the first time since boot camp.

He is a 1996 graduate of Granite City Senior High School.

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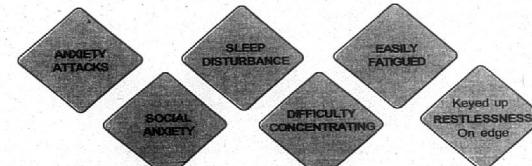
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NEWS



St. Elizabeth Medical Center connects 13 enthusiastic Girl Scouts with a potential recruit, newborn Kyla Williams, for National Girl Scouts Week, March 9-15. Kyla's mother, Monica Williams, enjoys the company.

Newborn baby becomes Girl Scout

Thirteen girl scouts gathered March 11 on the Women's and Newborn Services floor at St. Elizabeth Medical Center to recruit Kyla Williams for the Girl Scouts. Nothing unusual about this — except that Kyla had just been born to Monica Williams.

"We are celebrating National Girl Scout Week," said co-neighborhood chairperson Kathy Lickenbrock of Granite City. Lickenbrock and Elizabeth Lengel supervised 60 Girl Scout troops in Illinois and Indiana. They rounded up ideas from another Illinois troop as a unique way to mark the occasion. The infant T-shirt is emblazoned with the green Girl Scout logo and the words "Future Girl Scout."

Five baby girls received the shirts during the week. Girl Scouts involved represented Granite City Daisies Troop 565, Brownies Troop 100 Juniors Troop 942 and Cadettes Troop 316. The girls were Emily, Megan Ryan, Lauren Smith, Jennifer Whitt, Laura Mills, Lindsay Hendrix, Diane Lickenbrock, Lisa Morrison, Elana Alegre, Robyn Fields, Jennifer Hartwick, Laura Brown and Monica Williams.

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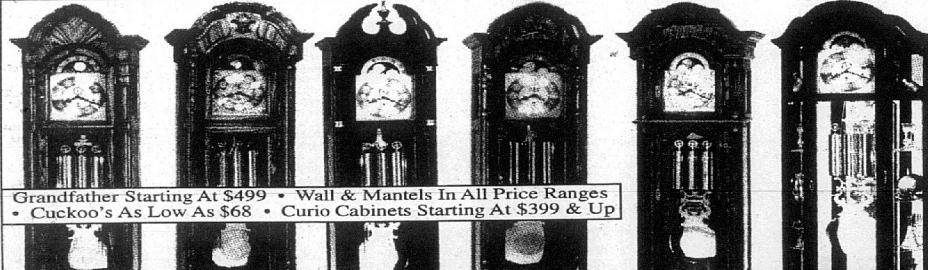
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Karius, who began working at the club in 1982, won a \$250 savings bond, a weekend for two at a St. Louis hotel, and a year of free parking.

She is the wife of Joe Karius and the mother of their two children, Joey and Haylie.

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Morocco adventure

Travelers Abroad hears about trip

Travelers Abroad belatedly began its 32nd year in February as it met at Jerry's Cafeteria with 20 members and one guest.

For the 1997 tour, it was organized in 1996, two meetings in a row. The Holiday party in late November and the January meeting — were cancelled because of poor weather/driving conditions. Among those present at the February meeting were six charter members: Alice Purdee, Charles and Jeanette James, Dorothy Hoedebeck, and Julianne and Eunice Hatcher.

President Purdee welcomed the group and wished them "a 'trip for two' at Jerry's. Frank Beatty and Pat Thomas. A discussion on the conflicting May meeting date with Memorial Day was held and a vote will be taken at the March meeting to either move it to the third Saturday or to cancel the meeting.

The program for the evening was given by Barbara Williams who told of her tour group's experiences in Morocco last November. Getting off to a good start, from New York, Campbell and Williams slept at two young scrawling children who were sitting right next to some of the 22 members of the tour group. Since Royal Air Maroc had only two flights a week to and from New York, the group decided to go to the children's family was going to be visiting for three weeks and the tour group was returning in two weeks.

The group was met at the airport by its guide who was 25 and spoke excellent English. The bus driver and his helper, J.R., made up the team that was with the group for the entire two weeks. Local guides were on hand in some of the area's visited, but several times their information had to be translated into English by our main guide, Abdul.

From the airport the group headed north to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, which is situated on the Atlantic coast. The highlight of Rabat is the beautiful mausoleum of Mohammed V, who led the successful Moroccan struggle for freedom against the country of Spain. From Rabat, the group moved on to the beginning of a huge mosque with a completed main tower surrounded by over 100 pillars of different heights which will have supported the mosque. It evidently will be left to the next ruler.

Uniformed, mounted guards patrol the area.

Tangier, farther north, was the next destination with several stops along the road to visit local markets. Persons who waved their arms in front of their faces indicated they did not want to be photographed or touched. The eight-mile trip across the Mediterranean to visit Gibraltar was cancelled by the boat concession operator and the visit to the home of Malcolm Forbes, the view of the 100,000 thousand million dollar soiled and aligned in famous battle formations had been permanently closed.

Much construction was in progress and all the concrete buildings were sand-colored. The travelers were amazed that small trees were used to support a floor until the concrete set; then the trees were moved to the next floor to repeat the process.

With both Rabat and Tangier situated on steep hills, the tourists quickly learned that they were not in tip-top shape. It was amazing, though, that on the third day, everyone's legs had recovered and there were no more moans and groans.

would be given instructions by one person, and a few minutes later the person would want it done another way. Our guide said he was happy when the emperor went home.

Ifram was one of the stops and it reminded us of towns in the U.S. The facilities were good; there was a cookie store next door that had delicious cookies for sale, and the dorms of the hotel were clean. Ifram was a college town; tuition was \$8,000 a year, and 80 percent of the students were from Saudi Arabia. The remaining 20 percent came from Morocco and other nearby countries.

All along the roads we saw sheep herders taking care of sheep for about 10 years. Their sheep and the animals were always near the road. In some places there was a hut or tent to live in. Children living in these conditions are not being educated. Abdul said that the average family had 10 children; they mostly drink tea, bread and olive oil; they waited for the owners to bring them food.

Later in the trip we stopped in the High Atlas Mountains to visit a nomadic family living in a tent. The distance to the tent was quite a way over exceedingly rough ground so several of us stayed on the bus and others got ashamed to get out of the tent to have a coin or two if they took any pictures. When the group returned to the bus, two young children tagged along. Once in a while a person's brain works at the right time and it is a gift. I remembered the plastic bag of hard candy that was easily grabbed and I took it to the bus door to give some to the children. Someone remarked that probably the children had never had candy before.

Three nights were spent in Fez, exploring the area and the neighboring sites. From Fez we drove to Erfoud, where the edge of the Sahara Desert and only 80 miles from the Algerian border. Timed to arrive as the sun was going down over the desert, we encountered a sand storm and the sun set with only a hint of what it should have been.

Our Erfoud hotel was built around a swimming pool. The room had a bench sitting around the doors in an attempt to keep out the sand. Our room had a love seat; and when we looked at it, it was covered with sand that had come in through the door. When we sat on the love seat, we made no point in trying to remove the sand, so we just ignored the love seat for the two nights we were there. Ignoring the sand grit on the floor was more difficult.

The following day we went out from Erfoud in landrovers to the desert to see the sand set. After the first two or three dunes were blacktop, there was no more sand; but no one could see tracks in the sand. It took us about an hour, at a rapid speed, to drive to the sand dunes where we were headed. Persons who were planes to climb the sand dunes had brought materials to wrap around their face and heads in the hotel shop. We were warned that the sand would

ruin our glasses and cameras. A quick yell to me enabled me to get a picture of one person astride a camel. Four of us did not venture onto a camel or attempt to climb the huge sand dunes. We went to a small building and had sodas while we visited; various persons gave up the climb and struggled to join us. This building evidently was a shelter in the desert because there were cots lined up very close together and there were a number of men lying on these cots. We spent about an hour in

the building before everyone had conquered the dunes or had given up. It took another hour to get back to civilization and we drove almost all the way in the dark. We had good drivers!

From Erfoud, we drove to Ouarzazate which took almost an entire day. We had lunch at a local restaurant in the Three Gorges area. One could tell which bus drivers had been there before for they turned the bus around, a difficult job, before they paid for it. Not all bus drivers were able to do this. In fact, their bus had to exit the same way one came in so the new drivers would have to wait for other cars, etc., to move before they could leave. Our driver knew. In the summer, the temperature at the top of the gorge is 120 degrees, down at the bottom of the gorge where we were, it would be 55 degrees.

On the road to Marrakech, we stopped to visit a Berber village. The people were helped by a boy who was over the stream, helping hands aided the people across the stream. After the visit and lunch, we approached more

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mountains. We crossed them at the Tizi-n-Tichka pass which is one of the highest passes. New snow was visible on the tops of all the mountains around us.

Marrakech is the most famous of the imperial cities and seems to be the point where roads going in all four directions meet. In Marrakech we visited several palaces, an artisan's souk where we saw workers in leather, pottery, brass and dyers. Some of the odors and fumes emitted were terrible, but

many young people were learning these trades. Entertainment from tent to tent as one enjoys being entertained while eating. The final portion of the evening included huge fireworks, for which one had moved to concrete bleachers. At the very end a troupe of horsemen ride rapidly before the audience and fire their guns at the same time.

From Marrakech we drove to Casablanca where we visited the second-largest mosque in the world; the largest is in Mecca. We visited the American Legation building and were shown a building that world powers met in during World War II.

The following day was spent in returning to St. Louis.

Others attending the meeting were Lillian Delps, Georgia Engelke, James Hayes, Marguerite Lexow, Edna Johnson, Rose Scott, Mary Schell, Mary Swan, Isabell Southwick, Betty Townsend, Fred Fieldworth and Kathy Kalchoff.

We also visited the Menara Gardens and the Majorelle Botanical Gardens. We went to the huge Djemaa el Fna Square which is famous for its storytelling, acrobats, snake charmers, etc. Everything imaginable was on sale but one could not stop and look or he would be lost in the mass of people.

The farewell dinner was at Fantasia where tents housing separate parties are erected.

NEWS

BAC representatives learn about politics at seminar

Belleville Area College President Joseph J. Cipif, Ph.D., along with BAC board Vice Chairperson Ken Joseph and student trustee Albert Walker of Granite City, attended the National Legislative Seminar held recently in Washington, D.C.

The three-day event was sponsored by the Association of Community College Trustees and the American Association of Community Colleges.

"The seminar featured political analysis from congressional and executive branch offi-

"The opportunity to carry on dialogue with national legislators, coupled with the opportunity to participate in meaningful seminars, truly made for an enriching and informational experience."

— Dr. Joseph J. Cipif
Belleville Area College president

cials who provided insight and insider information critical to the decision-making process both on and around Capitol Hill," Dr. Cipif said.

Among the presentations attended by the BAC delegation were a special session with U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley; a discussion of issues related to the Higher Education Act Reauthorization; "Workforce Readjustment of Perkins and Adult Education Acts" and community college priorities for the 105th Congress.

These priorities include supporting a \$1,000 maximum Pell Grant in Fiscal Year 1998, supporting a \$1,500 educational tax credit and urging Congress to

pass separate laws to implement adult training and vocational education programs.

The BAC contingent also attended the Illinois Caucus meeting for college trustees, presidents, as well as a special Illinois reception honoring U.S. Rep. John Porter, the 1997 Community College National Education Service Award winner.

"We had very good discussions with the two U.S. senators from Illinois, Carol Mosley-Braun and Richard Durbin, and with Rep. John Skimkus," Cipif said.



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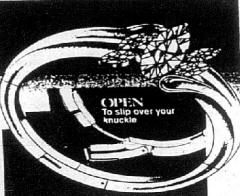
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Century

Buick has simple styling, decent power, room for 6

By Tom Strongman

There's a new Century from Buick, and it's a good vehicle to take Buick into the next century.

The old Century was produced for 15 years, and more than 2 million were sold. A new model is welcome.

There are two trim levels, Custom and Limited. We drove the custom, which is likely to be the highest volume seller.

Its base price was \$17,845.

Tight and solid, this family four-door won't grab your attention with flashy gimmicks. Its look is identifiably Buick, which means an oval grille and conservative profile. Yet the simplicity is appealing.

Like many of the new mid-size cars from General Motors, the Century is not intended for driving enthusiasts, but for mainstream buyers who value function over style and want a good value for their hard-earned dollars. Seen in this light, it is a success.

Derived from the same platform as the Pontiac Grand Prix and Oldsmobile Intrigue, the Century's wheelbase is 4.1 inches longer than its predeces-

sor. The track is wider, too, and it rides on larger tires. While the ride is not as tight as the Pontiac Grand Prix, it is considerably firmer than a LeSabre, due in large measure to its rigid body structure. Over-heaving highways it felt a tad soft but never enough so to be uncomfortable.

Many cars in this class, which includes the Toyota Camry and Ford Taurus, have six cylinders. The Century has four, with a 2.1-liter V-6. Rated at 160 horsepower, it works through a four-speed automatic transmission.

While not GM's most impressive power plant, it certainly passes muster with flying colors.

The engine, power steering and most of the front suspension are mounted on a separate cradle that is then attached to the car with four large rubber mounts.

This lessens the amount of noise and vibration



that makes its way into the cabin.

Triple door seals also keep out noise, and sound-deadening material is placed on the instrument panel, floor of the trunk and over the rear wheels. Sheet metal is double-galvanized to resist corrosion.

These are items that cannot be readily seen but are important over the life of the vehicle.

Brakes are disc in front and drum in back, with anti-lock standard.

Other handy touches include air filtration for the passenger compartment and battery-rundown protection.

Steering feel is much improved, thanks to a new variable-assist power steering unit that uses a combination of electronics, hydraulics and electro-

magetics.

At parking speeds it is light and responsive, yet it has good speed increases.

The interior of our dark-red test car was upholstered in a patterned light-tan cloth, and the rest of the interior was the same color, which gave it a lively look.



The new dashboard has revised instruments located in the center pod behind the steering wheel. Most switches, including radio and climate control, have been redesigned for easier use.

Secondary functions of the radio still have拜拜 buttons, but at least they are not used as much.

The front bench seat can accommodate three people with the armrest up, but most folks won't use it that way.

Cup holders fold out of the center armrest, which is not as good as having them in the dash or a console.

The power seats have door-mounted switches for simple adjustment.

Armed and back there is decent legroom, and the trunk is also good sized.

The base price of our test car was \$17,845. Options included integrated child seat, aluminum wheels, AM/FM stereo cassette player, upgraded speakers, power windows and locks, cruise control and tilt steering wheel.

The sticker price was \$19,785.

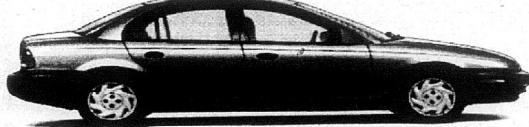
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At the end of the day, the Century is a solid car.

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POINTS & PLUGS

By Rick Stoff

When it comes to auto theft, law enforcement generally aren't attracted to the most expensive or fancy vehicles. Even crooks who haven't studied ecology now seem to know the laws of supply and demand.

That is why the Honda Accord has become the most popular stolen car in America. With hundreds of thousands of them on the road, there is enough demand for crash parts and worn-out mechanical parts.

The 1994, 1995 and 1996 Accords have claimed the three top spots on the CCC Information Service list of the 10 most illegally wanted cars in America. Three other models years have made the list, giving the Accord six places in the top 10.

Also making the list were two years of the Oldsmobile Cutlass, the most recent category leader. The 1995 Ford Mustang and 1989 Toyota Camry round out the top 10.

Stealing and reselling one of these would be like trying to unload the Statue of Liberty. Mercedes-Benz has created a stunningly beautiful and powerful-looking racing machine based, sort of, on its traditional CLK model. The M-B CLK GTR carries the traditional Mercedes grill and new headlights design in front of a swooping, flowing, full-cut racing Kevlar body.

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And to think most of us can merely dream about owning that souped-up 1996 Pacer.

The Thunderbird has been Ford's tool of choice in stock car racing for many years, but the model soon will go out of production for two or three years. NASCAR rules would allow Ford teams to keep using the Thunderbird only during that time, but perhaps the speed of the Ford will be used in a more exciting marketing venue. One Ford team tested a hot-rod Lincoln stocker last year, but speculation has it that more likely options will be Mustang or Taurus sheet metal.

The CART racing organization is racing under new engine rules this year that have cut turbocharged engines from 45 inches to 36 inches as much as slowing the race cars. (These cars, until recently, were known as Indy cars but due to legal issues with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway now are known legally as just cars.)

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